

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

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REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed and considered the Office Action mailed on March 12, 2003, and the references cited therewith.

Claims 2, 4, 8, 16, 18, 20, 21, 24, and 25 are amended, claims 1, 5, 9-15, 22, 23, and 26-31 are canceled; as a result, claims 2-4, 6-8, 16-21, and 24-25, are now pending in this application. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the cancelled claims in a continuation application.

Drawings

The Office Action objected to the drawings asserting that reference character 202 was used to designate an apex and a summit. As indicated above, Applicant has amended the specification to indicate that "apex 202" is also referred to as a "summit." Applicant submits that this amendment overcomes the objection to the drawings.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2, 3, 16 and 19 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 2 and 16 have been amended to include the limitations of independent claims 1 and 11, respectively. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 2 and 16 are in condition for allowance. The amendments to claims 2 and 16 merely transform these claims from dependent to independent claims. As such, these are not amendments that limit the scope of claims 2 and 16.

Claim 3 depends from amended claim 2 and is allowable because claim 2 is allowable.

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§102 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1, 4, 11, and 23 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Bonnefoy (U.S. 4,511,869). Applicant does not admit that the cited references are prior art and reserves the right to swear behind them.

Claim 1 has been cancelled.

Dependent claim 4 has been amended to depend from amended claim 2. Because claim 4 has been amended to depend from claim 2, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 4 is in condition for allowance.

Claims 11 and 23 has been cancelled.

§103 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 6, 7, 12-15, 21, 22, 24 and 25 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bonnefoy in view of Frankeny et al. (U.S. 5,770,891). Applicant does not admit that the cited references are prior art and reserves the right to swear behind them.

Claim 8 was also rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bonnefoy in view of Frankeny et al., and further in view of Dozier, II et al. (U.S. 5,772,451).

Claims 6 and 7 have been amended to depend from amended claim 2. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 6 and 7 are in condition for allowance.

Claims 12 -- 15 have been cancelled.

Claims 21 - 22 have been amended to depend from amended claim 16. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 21 - 22 are in condition for allowance.

Claim 24 has been amended to include limitations similar to amended claim 2. Because claim 24 includes limitations similar to claim 2, Applicant respectfully submits that amended claim 24 is in condition for allowance.

Claim 25 has been amended to depend from claim 24. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that amended claim 25 is in condition for allowance.

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Examiner Interview

Applicant's representative Andrew DeLizio contacted Examiner Tuan T. Dinh to discuss the subject matter that was indicated as being allowable.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's below-named attorney to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743

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